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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 107 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/49/822.

2. The Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 40th, 44th, 47th and 48th meetings, on 24 February and 14, 24 and 27 March 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.40, 44, 47 and 48).

II. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

A. United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

3. At its 44th meeting, on 14 March, the Committee considered the question of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/49/57).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General and to keep under review the level of support costs charged to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (see para. 12, draft resolution, sect. I).

B. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: pension scheme for the members of the International Court of Justice

5. At its 44th meeting, on 14 March, the Committee considered the question of the pension scheme for members of the International Court of Justice. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/49/8) and the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/7/Add.11).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General and to endorse the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee (see para. 12, draft resolution, sect. II).

C. Unified conference services at Vienna

7. The Committee considered the question of unified conference services at Vienna at its 40th and 47th meetings, on 24 February and 24 March. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates for conference services at Vienna (A/C.5/49/24) and the relevant report of the Advisory Committee (A/49/7/Add.9).

8. At the 47th meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/49/L.39), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.39 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution, sect. III).

D. Reformulation of activities under sections 9 and 10 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/228 A

10. At its 48th meeting, on 27 March, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the reformulation of activities under sections 9 and 10 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (A/C.5/49/30).

11. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General (see para. 12, draft resolution, sect. IV).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

12. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Other questions relating to the programme
budget for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

I

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General; 1/
2. Decides to keep under review the level of support costs charged to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

II

Conditions of service and compensation for
officials other than Secretariat officials:
pension scheme for the members of the
International Court of Justice

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and endorses the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 3/

III

Unified conference services at Vienna

Recalling its resolution 44/201 A of 21 December 1989, in which it endorsed the view of the Secretary-General that a single conference-servicing facility at the Vienna International Centre would represent the ideal solution from the standpoint of cost-efficiency,

Recalling also its resolutions 48/218 C and 48/222 A of 23 December 1993, in which it stressed the need for the establishment of unified conference services at Vienna as soon as possible,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates for conference services at Vienna 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

1/ A/C.5/49/57.

2/ A/C.5/49/8.

3/ See A/49/7/Add.11.

4/ A/C.5/49/24.

5/ A/49/7/Add.9.

1. Notes with appreciation the estimated net savings resulting from the proposed single conference-servicing facility at Vienna for the budgets of the United Nations and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization taken together;

2. Notes the estimated net additional costs of 324,100 United States dollars resulting from the proposed single conference-servicing facility at Vienna for the United Nations budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

3. Concurs with the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 5/

4. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed to establish the unified conference-servicing facility at the Vienna International Centre under the management of the United Nations on the basis of the following elements and criteria:

(a) The transfer of the conference-servicing posts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to the United Nations on the basis of the existing staffing table of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, effective from 1 April 1995;

(b) The establishment of the unified conference-servicing facility under budget sections 25E, Conference services, Vienna, and 25I, United Nations Office at Vienna, within existing resources, taking into account increased income in respect of reimbursements from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for services provided by the United Nations;

(c) An examination of the cause for the high vacancy rate in the Professional category before making any proposal in respect of the staffing table for conference services in Vienna;

(d) A review, in the context of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, of the requirements for conference-servicing staff for and the organigramme of the unified conference services at the United Nations Office at Vienna on the basis of the most updated actual workload statistics and the related United Nations workload standards in conference servicing, taking into account the current and future requirements for conference servicing at Vienna;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to implement cost-effective technological innovations for the unified conference services at Vienna;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to examine the feasibility of contracting out elements of conference services at Headquarters and all duty stations with a view to achieving further cost-efficiency in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 and subsequent budgets;

IV

Reformulation of activities under sections 9
and 10 of the proposed programme budget for
the biennium 1994-1995 pursuant to General
Assembly resolution 48/228 A

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General. 6/



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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

Rapporteur: Mr. Larbi DJACTA (Algeria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 107 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/49/822 and Add.1.
2. The Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 42nd, 51st and 53rd meetings, on 7, 30 and 31 March 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.42, 51 and 53).

II. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

A. Revised estimates under sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 8, 15, 24 and 28 and income section I

3. The Committee considered the question of revised estimates under sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 8, 15, 24 and 28 and income section 1 at its 42nd, 51st and 53rd meetings, on 7, 30 and 31 March 1995. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/49/44) and the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/7/Add.10).
4. At the 51st meeting, on 30 March 1995, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/49/L.38), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the Group of African States, proposed an amendment to the draft decision, by which, after paragraph 2, a new paragraph would be added reading:

"Decides to redeploy the amount of \$119,700 from section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to section 15 (Economic Commission for Africa), as requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 86 of his report;"

and the remaining paragraph would be renumbered accordingly.

6. The proposed amendment was subsequently issued as document A/C.5/49/L.48.

7. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America proposed amendments to the draft decision, by which, after operative paragraph 3, two paragraphs would be added, reading:

"Calls upon the Secretary-General to promulgate criteria for the consideration of requests for regular budget support by the regional institutes, and requests the Secretary-General to establish such criteria by 31 May 1995;

"Decides to defer consideration of the proposal contained in paragraph 86 of the report of the Secretary-General until the next resumption of the General Assembly."

8. The proposed amendments were subsequently issued as document A/C.5/49/L.49.

9. At the 53rd meeting, on 31 March 1995, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the Group of African States, proposed a further amendment to draft decision A/C.5/49/L.38, by which a new paragraph would be added, reading:

"Decides that future requests for funding for regional institutes shall be considered only on the basis of criteria proposed by the Secretary-General and approved by the General Assembly to determine if such institutes should be funded from the regular budget."

10. At the same meeting, in view of the amendments proposed by the representative of Tunisia, the representative of the United States withdrew its amendments to draft decision A/C.5/49/L.38.

11. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.5/49/L.38, as amended (see para. 15).

B. Questions related to the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

12. At the 53rd meeting, on 31 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.5/49/L.41) submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations, reading as follows:

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"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 48/228 of 23 December 1993,

"Regrets that the request contained in section II, paragraph 22, of resolution 48/228, in which the Secretary-General was requested to provide adequate posts for activities dealing with micro-economic issues, through redeployment, has not yet been fully implemented;

"Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly by 30 June 1995 proposals for fully implementing, through redeployment, the request contained in section II, paragraph 22, of resolution 48/228."

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Controller and by the representative of France.

14. In the light of the statement made by the Controller, the Chairman of the Committee withdrew draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.41.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

15. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Revised estimates under sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 8, 15,
24 and 28 and income section 1

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates under sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 8, 15, 24 and 28 and income section 1; 1/

2. Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report, 2/ subject to the provisions of this decision;

3. Decides to redeploy the amount of 119,700 United States dollars from section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to section 15 (Economic Commission for Africa), as requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 86 of his report; 1/

4. Requests the Secretary-General to review its recommendations in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 in order to enhance and enrich programmes and activities for Africa;

1/ A/C.5/49/44.

2/ A/49/7/Add.10.

5. Decides that future requests for funding for regional institutes shall be considered only on the basis of criteria proposed by the Secretary-General and approved by the General Assembly to determine if such institutes should be funded from the regular budget.
